**Swearing an affiant for SW**

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They read it to us over the phone.  We swear the officer and have him sign before he faxes.  If something needs added or changed, I make them fix it, re-swear them, and resend to me.  
  
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First thing I do is swear in the officer and then have them sign the affidavit.  After that, they fax the affidavit to me.  If I do not find probable cause I direct the officer the prosecutor attorney for review.

If I find probable cause – I sign the affidavit and send it back.

For more complex search warrants – I encourage the officer to have the PA review it prior to coming to me.

Jonathan Morse

Magistrate/Deputy Court Administrator

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Same at 41B.

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CAO has said (somewhere) that the order of swearing, signing etc is not important as long as it all gets done.  We have them sign it and swear them after we receive it.

Kevin

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Sorry, SCAO....we looked into this issue when we began working on an e-warrant project for Summons & Complaints.

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We use the IPad for warrants. It is sent to me and I review it. If it is lengthy I will tell the officer to call back in 10 minutes or so, if it is a blood warrant I keep him on the line. I read the warrant and if I establish PC I have him swear to the warrant. I sign it electronically and resend back to the officer. I hold him on the line until he confirms he has a signed (by me) warrant on his end he prints it out and signs it. Process takes about 5 minutes total ( I am barely awake if it’s 3am) Our county requires prosecutor approval before it is sent to me.

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Same in Genesee County.

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It probably would make a difference if you review and sign it before they swear and sign it, as you can only rely on the four corners of the document.  If you swear them after you’ve received the signed affidavit, you are just affirming their signature and oath.   mjg

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We give the oath to the officers in over the telephone, have them read the affidavit, determine probable cause, have them sign and fax.  Once we receive the SW we read the affidavit ourselves, finalize determination, date, sign and fax back.  This saves extra time and calls.

Thanks,

Michele White

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